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SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Skarda. For what purpose do you rise Senator?

SENATOR SKARDA: I wanted to talk on the subject Senator Duis talked to you about a minute ago, life safety code, but I might be out of order if I am, I'm in wholehearted accordance with what he said and I thought I'd call the body's attention to a specific instance, LB 304, which we put the waiving conditions in last session legislature pertaining to nursing homes and I think it's the thing we ought to take a long hard look at, 199, now the same instances ought to be provided in it, 199, we got to make some exceptions, we got to make some waivering conditions, we got to put the people ahead of these type of operations in some sort of jurisdiction where they can, a waiver condition like a hallway that might be an inch short, or bedspace might not be quite sufficient, I mean it pertains to more of the areas in the rural department then it does in the urban and I think it is of extreme necessity maybe that somebody should take a look at 199 and raise it.

SPEAKER: Very good, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President I'd like to speak on the same subject, I can agree with Senator Duis in what he has said and having experience in that area, I think there is one area that he left out, which I think is very important. I think under the present administration and under the present Fire Marshall the problems of that office have been set out and when they make speeches and when they bring out the inspections they say this is the legislature's act, that's why you must comply with this, because the legislature says so. I think a point that should be made to this legislature is that during the 1969-70 session when I was a member of the fire marshall's office we asked you men to pass this bill, and we thanked you at that time for doing it, and therefore for the fire marshall to say that this is a legislative bill is only about half true, I think that the fire marshall's office should say that it is a bill that was designed for the life and safety of people in the state of Nebraska and that we requested it. I think that if they'll find out and if Senator Duis, I'm sure is aware of this, but I'm sure that Senator Duis knows that this is an administrative problem at this time and therefore I think that this is where we should maybe concern it, be concerned with some of our efforts.

SPEAKER: Are we ready for the consideration of bills on select file? I guess we only have one this morning. Senator Cavanaugh what is your pleasure?

CLERK: Mr. President I have a motion to bracket LB 197 until March 1, signed Senator Carstens.

SPEAKER: Carstens.

CLERK: Cal Carstens.

SPEAKER: Is Senator Cal Carstens in the chamber? Well Senator Carstens was asking unanimous consent to bracket, was that unanimous consent, did I hear?

CLERK: Yes.

SPEAKER: And Senator Carpenter objects, so Senator Carpenter, do you care to speak on the motion?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well first I'd like to know what the purpose is?

SPEAKER: Can't locate Senator Carstens.